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Forest Service Moves to Improve Public Involvement

Formation of a staff position in the office of the Regional Forester of the Forest Service to improve public involvement in decision-making in the Pacific Northwest was announced today by Regional Forester R.E. Worthington.

Worthington said the post will be filled by Robert J. Chadwick, now Forest Supervisor of the Winema National Forest, Klamath Falls, effective February 8.

"One important task managers in the Forest Service face today is to search for common ground, or at least mutually agreeable ways to come as close as possible to a consensus with our various publics," Worthington said. "We need to do away with, or at least reduce, the polarization among these various publics. We must do this, if for no other reason, so that we can get on with solving our important natural resource problems. We need to challenge groups which have been traditionally polarized to look again at their roles. We must search for common ground for a consensus. We can only do this with the close participation of the great numbers of our public. I am establishing this staff position to facilitate this process."

In carrying out this assignment, Chadwick will work on improved public access to the decision-making process on specific Regional issues, Worthington said.

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Chadwick's successor at Klamath Falls has not been chosen. Chadwick has been Forest Supervisor since September 1973, moving to the post from Barlow district ranger on the Mt. Hood National Forest. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of New Hampshire and worked on the Wenatchee National Forest from 1958 to 1964. He then worked on the La Grande district of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest before being named district ranger at Dufur in 1967.

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Export Okay Sought for Northwest Conifer

A lesser known species of softwood, the Pacific yew, may become eligible for export, as the result of a request filed with the Secretary of Agriculture.

The request, filed by southern Oregon timber interests, means the public must determine if a public hearing on the request is necessary. Comments on the request must be submitted in writing and received no later than January 15, 1981, by R. Max Peterson, Chief, USDA Forest Service, Box 2417, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Once a hearing has been held, the results may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture to determine that a species is surplus to domestic needs, and may therefore be exported for processing into lumber and other wood products.

The Pacific yew grows throughout the Pacific Northwest, northern Idaho, and northern California, but marketable size trees are located primarily in southern Oregon. Considered a minor species, Pacific yew wood primarily is used for fence posts, utility poles, spools, bows and canoe paddles.

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